

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-13 and 22-56. Please amend Claim 14. Please add new Claims 57-77. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

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14. (Currently Amended) A method of improved searching for electronic documents on a computer network comprising the steps of:
 - ~~providing~~ receiving a desired geographic location ~~at~~ to a query interface;
 - ~~searching for electronic documents within~~ an authenticated digital certificate database to identify electronic documents that match the desired geographic location, the database including information about an electronic document and corresponding geographical location, the geographical location being authenticated using an independent source; and
 - returning an authenticated set of ~~electronic document~~ addresses of the electronic documents which match the desired geographic location.
15. (Original) The method of Claim 14 further
 - providing a keyword to the query interface; and
 - matching the keyword when searching for electronic documents.
16. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the query interface is implemented as a Web browser plug-in.
17. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the step of searching is triggered by the geographic location provided to the query interface.
18. (Original) The method of Claim 15 wherein the searching step further comprises limiting the authenticated set of electronic document addresses to those within a predefined proximity of the geographic location.
19. (Original) The method of Claim 18 wherein the predefined proximity is automatically generated based upon the keyword.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 18 wherein the predefined proximity is automatically adjusted based upon the authenticated set of electronic document addresses returned.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein the step of returning an authenticated set of electronic document addresses further comprises creating at least one electronic document associated with the set of electronic document addresses.

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57. (New) A method of improved searching for electronic documents, the method comprising:

receiving a set of electronic document addresses and a desired geographic location; and

filtering the set of electronic document addresses through a database to identify the electronic document addresses that correspond to the desired geographical location, the database including information about an electronic document and a corresponding geographical location, the geographical location being authenticated using an independent source.

58. (New) A method according to Claim 57 wherein the set of electronic document addresses is received at a geographic location filter of a search engine query interface.
59. (New) A method according to Claim 57 wherein the set of electronic document addresses is received from a search engine as search results.
60. (New) A method according to Claim 59 wherein the desired geographic location is search criteria used by the search engine to produce the search results.
61. (New) A method according to Claim 60 wherein the search criteria further includes a keyword.
62. (New) A method according to Claim 61 wherein identifying the electronic document addresses that correspond to the desired location further includes identifying the electronic document addresses that are associated with the keyword.
63. (New) A method according to Claim 57 wherein the database further includes records identifying a verified electronic document address of an electronic document and attributes of the electronic document.
64. (New) A method according to Claim 57 wherein the attributes include a geographic location associated with the electronic document.
65. (New) A method according to Claim 57 wherein the database associates documents with geographic location, the geographical location being authenticated by a mechanism other than by the content of the electronic document.
66. (New) A method according to Claim 57 further including:
 - receiving a keyword in connection with the geographic location; and
 - identifying that the document addresses are associated with the keyword.

67. (New) A computer program product comprising:
computer readable instructions which filter search results to determine that the results correspond to a desired geographical location by:
receiving a set of electronic document addresses and a desired geographic location; and
filtering the set of electronic document addresses through a database to identify the electronic document addresses that correspond to the desired geographical location, the database including information about an electronic document and a corresponding geographical location, the geographical location being authenticated using an independent source.
68. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 67 wherein the set of electronic document addresses is received at a geographic location filter of a search engine query interface.
69. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 67 wherein the set of electronic document addresses is received from a search engine as search results.
70. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 69 wherein the desired geographic location is search criteria used by the search engine to produce the search results.
71. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 70 wherein the search criteria further includes a keyword.
72. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 67 wherein the instructions for identifying the electronic document addresses that correspond to the desired location further include instructions for identifying the electronic document addresses that correspond to the keyword.

73. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 66 wherein the database further includes records identifying a verified electronic document address of an electronic document and attributes of the electronic document.
74. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 66 wherein the attributes include a geographic location associated with the electronic document.
75. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 66 wherein the database associates documents with geographic location, the geographical location being authenticated by a mechanism other than by the content of the electronic document.
76. (New) A computer program product according to Claim 66 further including instructions to:
 - receive a keyword in connection with the geographic location; and
 - identify that the document addresses are associated with the keyword.
77. (New) A system of improved searching for electronic documents, the system comprising:
 - means for receiving a set of electronic document addresses and a desired geographic location; and
 - means for filtering the set of electronic document addresses through a database to identify the electronic document addresses that correspond to the desired geographical location, the database including information about an electronic document and a corresponding geographical location, the geographical location being authenticated using an independent source.